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a filter connected to the apparatus and the blood circuit, and further comprising a device for setting up a dialysis treatment according to claim 12.

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 13 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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